

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-03

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FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3142

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR, CE, US, UK, XO

SUBJ: REACTION TO SENATE ACTION ON DIEGO GARCIA PLANS

REF: STATE 178884

1. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRESS HAS GIVEN NORMAL COVERAGE TO WIRE SERVICE STORIES RE SENATE DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON WHETHER DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION PLANS SHOULD BE DISAPPROVED. VERNACULAR PRESS HAS PUBLISHED VERY LITTLE ON SUBJECT. SO FAR, THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT.

2. GSL HAS MADE NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON ISSUE PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY. IN MEETING WITH AMB JULY 31, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS TISSA WIJEYERATNE MADE NO REFERENCE TO DIEGO GARCIA EVEN THOUGH INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE WAS DISCUSSED. LACK OF COMMENT MAY BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO NORMALLY SLOW GSL REACTION AND/OR CAUTION

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GSL IS CURRENTLY EXERCISING IN MAKING

PRONOUNCEMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL EVENTS. IT IS  
POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT GSL MAY TRY TO AVOID  
MAKING ANY COMMENT AT ALL.  
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## Message Attributes

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